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School: College of Western Idaho
Degree: Associate in psychology
Hometown: Idaho City
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FAVORITES

Book: "Ghost Girl" by Torey Hayden

Movie: "The Notebook"

Quote: "One day you will wake up and there won't be any more time to do the things you've always wanted. Do it now" — Paulo Coelho



What prompted you to choose your area of study?

I chose psychology as because it will give me the opportunity to help others grow. Psychology is a very rewarding career.

What career field do you intend to enter after graduation?

After graduation I plan on attending

the University of Montana to further my education. My goal is to receive my doctorate in developmental or clinical psychology.

What was the biggest challenge in working through/completing your degree?

The biggest challenge in completing my degree was time management. I had to make sure there was time for Student Senate, Phi Theta Kappa, CASA, my stud-

ies and my personal life.

Who was your favorite instructor or professor? Why?

I would have to say that Martha Timberlake had the most influence in my college career. Martha engages students in class by service learning or project activities.

What is your favorite college memory?

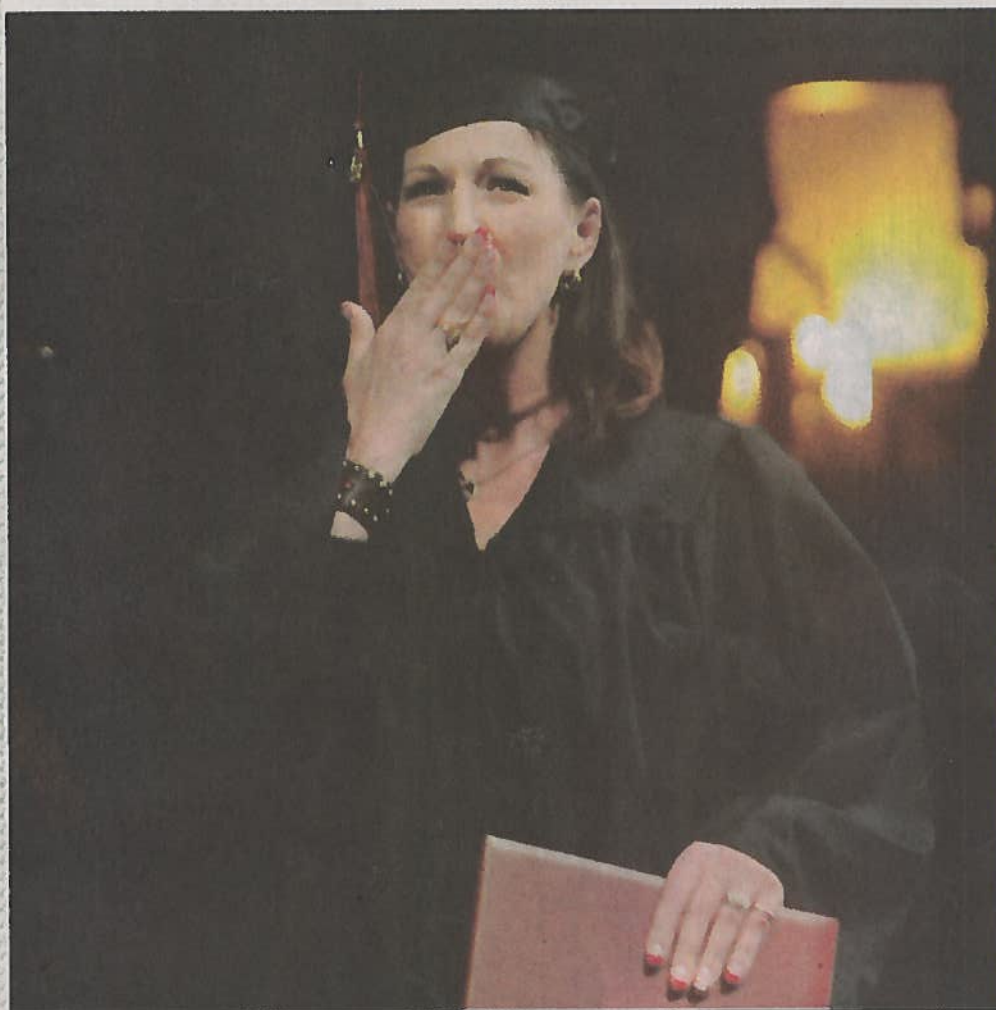
My Phi Theta Kappa experience is the

favorite college memory. Phi Theta Kappa is an Honor Society and CWI's chapter is Beta Sigma Pi. I was lucky enough to be the President of our chapter which helped me grow as a leader and a person.

If you could give one piece of advice to a future or current college student, what would it be?

The advice I have is to get involved. Talk to instructors, join a club, and make new friends.

College of Western Idaho grads reflect school's growth



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Sacheen Briganti, Emmett, blows a kiss after receiving her diploma during the College of Western Idaho's 2013 Commencement Ceremony at Taco Bell Arena in Boise Saturday. ► Photo gallery at idahopress.com/multimedia

Canyon County's newest school college continued its rapid growth with another number of students graduating in Saturday's commencement at Taco Bell Arena in Boise.

Student speaker Adil Siddiqui is representative of the doors CWI has opened for area students that may not have otherwise attended college.

Siddiqui, who worked as a real estate agent, enrolled at CWI when he decided he would no longer let poor academic performance in high school stand in his way. Two years and seven semesters later, he graduated from CWI Saturday with an associate degree in liberal arts and an impressive 3.75 GPA.

CWI's commencement speaker was President Bert Glandon.

CWI graduate hopes to enter teaching profession

Mark Galaviz enrolled after he was let go in down economy

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At 40 years old in a down economy, Mark Galaviz found himself without a job.

Married, with two kids, Galaviz of Kuna was a director of operations for a logistics company, overseeing the western U.S. With the downturn of the economy, Galaviz was let go.

He was presented with a few options to move across the country, but he said it wouldn't have been the right decision for his family.

Galaviz said there was no better time to enroll at College of Western Idaho. The captain of the speech and debate team at the college studied communications and political science. He graduated Saturday.

Out of high school, Galaviz enlisted in the Army, got married and entered the workforce. His time at CWI has broadened his thinking.

"When you learn with students half my age, literally, and being challenged, it has really helped me think about my life," Galaviz said. "What I think, and what I think is true. It's really shaken the tree a little bit."

He has been accepted to Boise State University and will attend in the fall to continue his education. He hopes to enter the teaching profession, possibly at CWI.

"Watching students grow and develop. I love that," he said.



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College of Western Idaho's Mark Galaviz is looking forward to graduating this spring.

The speech and debate program, headed by Johnny Rowing and Michelle Bennett, recently took fourth place at the national competition, against major four-year universities, he said.

"We've been able to tap into the diversity and make it work for us," Galaviz said.

Now 41, Galaviz said it's been exciting being part of something so new at CWI.

"To see the growth and caliber (of students and educators) at CWI, that experience is something that is fun to be a part of," he said.